

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2458
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2458
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND
DENTAL HYGIENE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to change the composition of
the Board of Dental Examiners in light of changes in dentistry by:

- (1) Changing the name of the "Board of Dental Examiners" to
the "Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene"; and
- (2) Retaining the existing Board of Dentistry composition on
the newly-established Board of Dentistry and Dental
Hygiene (Board) until June 30, 2015, but thereafter:
 - (A) Decreasing the total number of members on the Board
from 12 members to 11 members, and the number of
practicing dentists on the Board from eight members
to five members;
 - (B) Increasing the number of practicing dental
hygienists on the Board from two members to four
members;
 - (C) Requiring that a minimum of one Board member be a
practicing dentist with a background in public



health dentistry or a license in community service dentistry; and

- (D) Specifying that no Board member shall be in any way connected with or interested financially in a dental examination company.

The Department of Health, Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association, and numerous individuals supported this measure. The Hawaii Dental Association and an individual opposed this measure. The Board of Dental Examiners commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Specifying that practicing dentists who serve on the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene must have practiced dentistry in the State for five years before their appointments;
- (2) Deleting the requirement regarding licensure in community service from the qualification requirements to serve as a practicing dentist on the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene; and
- (3) Providing that a Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene member may be an examiner of a regional testing agency.

Noting the testimony on this bill regarding the composition of the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene, your Committee respectfully requests that continued discussion on the composition of the board be taken up by the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2458, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2458	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC	Date: 2/12/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele				✓
4. CREAGAN, Richard	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				✓
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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